

firstborn in the family is the first one that is born. So, when it talks about the firstborn of all creation, it simply means that Jesus is the first part of creation. He was created, and then after He was created, everything else in the creation was made.

Does it mean that? Does this verse mean that Jesus is the first part of creation? Does it mean that He is a created being? All we have to do is examine this passage and to understand what it says, and you will very easily understand that is not what it is saying.

Let's look at Col. 1:15. Notice what Paul says: "Who," that refers to Jesus. There is no question about that. "Who is the image of the invisible God." God is invisible. Why? Because God is spirit. I trust none of you have ever seen a spirit. God is spirit. You cannot see a spirit. God is invisible. And Jesus is the image of the invisible God. Now, what does it mean when it says He is the image of the invisible God? It means that He is the exact representation of the invisible God. Everything that is true of God whom you cannot see, is true of Jesus. Everything that is true of Jesus is true of the invisible God. In other words, he is saying that Jesus is God. Here Paul is dealing with the vertical relationship that Jesus has to God. He says, as far as His vertical relationship to God is concerned, He is God. He is the image of the invisible God. He is the exact representation of God whom you cannot see. Everything that is true of God is true of Jesus, and vice versa. This is the reason Jesus said in John 14:9: "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." Jesus said: You see Me; you see the Father. Everything that is true of Me is true of the Father and vice versa. As far as His relationship vertically to God is concerned, He is God.